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The Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
465 South King Street, Room 103
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Re: Docket No. 2008-0273 – Feed-In Tariff Investigation
Request for Extension of Time to File Stipulated Protective Order

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of time for the filing of a stipulated protective order in this docket consistent with the recently extended time for the filing of a stipulated procedural order from December 8, 2008 until December 22, 2008.

By the Order Initiating Investigation, filed on October 24, 2008 (“Order”), the Commission instituted this proceeding to investigate the implementation of feed-in tariffs in the service territories of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (“HECO”), Maui Electric Company, Limited (“MECO”), and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. (“HELCO”)(collectively “HECO Companies”).

The Order states that if a protective order to govern the treatment of certain documents is desired, the parties shall file a stipulated protective order for the commission’s review and approval within forty-five days of the date of this Order (December 8, 2008). If the parties are unable to stipulate, each party shall file proposed protective orders for the commission’s review and consideration within the forty-five day filing deadline. Additionally, the Order directed that within forty-five days from the date of the Order, the parties shall file a stipulated procedural order setting forth the issues, procedures, and schedule to govern this proceeding. If the parties are unable to stipulate, each of them shall file proposed orders for the commission’s review and consideration within the same deadline. (Order at 6-7).

Through the Commission’s November 28, 2008 Order Granting Intervention the Commission granted intervenor status to eighteen (18) distinct parties. The Commission also extended the deadline for filing a stipulated procedural order until December 22, 2008.¹ In extending the deadline for the stipulated procedural order, the Commission cited “the number of parties to this docket” and provided for an additional two weeks for the parties to make any stipulated filing. (Order Granting Intervention at 6)

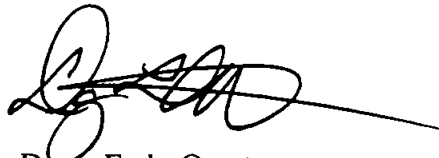
¹ Order Granting Intervention at Ordering Paragraph 2.

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Any stipulated protective order in this proceeding will also have to be circulated and discussed among the eighteen parties to this docket. The HECO Companies respectfully submit that extending the deadline for the filing of a stipulated protective order to coincide with the deadline for filing a stipulated procedural order, will allow the HECO Companies to discuss both potential filings simultaneously with the parties, will provide for the additional time required to coordinate among a large number of parties, and could likely increase the chances that the parties may come to agreement on both documents and avoid the need for separate filings.

Accordingly, the HECO Companies respectfully request that the Commission grant a two week extension of time for the filing of a stipulated protective order in this docket commensurate with the extension of time granted for the filing of a stipulated procedural order, until December 22, 2008. The foregoing is submitted as good cause therefore.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darcy Endo-Omoto', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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